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**UNANSWERED COMPLAINT QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE EPITOME CLUB**  
**TRAGEDY**

1. SIX MONTHS AFTER A JUDGE'S ORDER TO EITHER BRING THE PREMISES UP TO CODE STANDARDS OR SHUT THE PLACE DOWN. NOT ENFORCED.
2. WHY THE CITY DIDN'T ENFORCE THE JUDGE'S BUILDING CODE VIOLATIONS ORDER AND SHUT THE PLACE DOWN?
3. THE CITY SHOULD ANSWER THE QUESTION AS TO WHY IT DID NOT SHUT THE PLACE DOWN.
4. WERE THERE LEGITIMATE REASONS WHY THE CITY DID NOT SHUT THE PLACE DOWN?
5. WHY WASN'T THE OCCUPANCY CODE VIOLATION ENFORCED BY THE CITY OF CHICAGO?
6. WHY WASN'T THERE UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS OF THE PREMISES BY THE CITY OF CHICAGO WHEN THE PLACE WAS OCCUPIED BY PATRONS?
7. WHY WASN'T THERE UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS FOR EXITS CODE VIOLATIONS ON THE PREMISES DURING THE HOURS OF OCCUPANCY?
8. UPON ARRIVAL, WE KNOW THE FIRST RESPONDERS, OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT, TOOK CONTROL OF THE PREMISES.
9. FIRST RESPONDERS REFERS TO BOTH CHICAGO POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.
10. UPON ARRIVAL, WHY DID THE POLICEMEN EITHER LOCKED OR ORDERED THE ONLY EXIT DOOR WORKABLE SHUT LOCKED UNDER SUCH GRAVE CIRCUMSTANCES?
11. UPON ARRIVAL, WHY WASN'T AN EMERGENCY RESCUE OPERATION INITIATED RIGHT AWAY INSTEAD OF A RIOT CONTROL MEASURE?
12. WHY DID IT TAKE 42 PLUS MINUTES BEFORE THE FIRST RESCUE ATTEMPT WAS MADE BY THE FIRST RESPONDERS TO RESCUE ANY OF THE VICTIMS?
13. WHAT WERE THE FIRST RESPONDERS THINKING WHY IT TOOK THEM 42 PLUS MINUTES TO INITIATE THEIR FIRST RESCUE ATTEMPT?

14. COULD IT BE THAT THE FIRST RESPONDERS HAD A FEELING OF INDIFFERENCE BECAUSE THE OCCUPANCY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT WERE ALL AFRICAN AMERICANS? COULD THAT BE IT?

15. THE FIRST RESPONDERS DEPARTMENTS ARE PRETTY WELL KNOWN TO HARBOR SUCH INDIFFERENT FEELINGS.

16. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER 11 TAPES FROM THE 15 MONITORS THAT WAS ROLLING ON THE NIGHT OF THE TRAGEDY?

17. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES 15 MONITORS WAS ROLLING THAT NIGHT, CHICAGO POLICE OFFICERS CONFISCATED ALL 15 MONITORS FOR WHAT THEY CALLED EVIDENCE. WHEN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FINALLY TURNED THE TAPES OVER TO THE VICTIMS LAWYERS, THERE WAS ONLY 4 TAPES FROM THE 15 MONITORS THAT WAS ROLLING ON THAT TRAGIC NIGHT.

18. NOW, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER 11 TAPES? WERE THEY DESTROYED AS PART OF A CONSPIRACY TO COVER UP OR HIDE EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE FIRST RESPONDERS ACTIONS OR INACTIONS? OR PECULIAR BEHAVIOR?

FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE E2 VICTIMS AS CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, THE COUNTY OF COOK AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE THE ABOVE QUESTIONS ANSWERED, CONCERNING THE LOSS OF THEIR LOVED ONES, BY THE FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE EPITOME CLUB STAMPEDE OF FEBRUARY 17, 2003, FROM THE CITY OF CHICAGO POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL. TO ANSWER THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, THERE NEEDS TO BE A FULL SCALE INVESTIGATION FROM BEGINNING TO THE END OF THAT TRAGIC INCIDENT AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE REQUESTING FROM YOUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION. UNTIL THAT IS DONE, WE CONSIDER JUSTICE TO BE A TRAVESTY CONCERNING THE E2 TRAGEDY.

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